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SUBJECT: CHILEAN REFUGEES IN ITALY

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH WALTER GARDINI, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA, APRIL 28, CHARGE' INFORMED THAT NO ASYLEES REMAIN AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO. ACCORDING TO GARDINI, ABOUT 600 CHILEAN REFUGEES ARE NOW IN ITALY. (NUMBER MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER BUT GARDINI APPARENTLY REFERRED TO THOSE WHO REACHED ITALY WITH FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE OF GOI AND DID NOT INCLUDE THOSE WHO MAY HAVE LEFT CHILE BY OWN MEANS, ENTERED ITALY BY NORMAL METHODS AND HAVE NOT SOUGHT ASSISTANCE OF GOI.)

2. OF 600, A SMALL NUMBER HAS BEEN RESETTLED. PCI UNDERTOOK ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 40 FAMILIES IN BOLOGNA BUT HAS BEEN HIGHLY SELECTIVE, PRESUMABLY CHOOSING ONLY THOSE WHOSE PARTY CREDENTIALS ARE SOUND AND DO NOT BELONG TO THE REVOLUTIONARY FRINGE OF THE LEFT. A FEW "CATHOLICS" HAVE ALSO BEEN ABSORBED, BUT GARDINI INDICATED A LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES REMAIN AT GROTTA FERRATA SUPPORTED TO A LARGE EXTENT BY OFFICIAL GOI FUNDS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY. BEAUDRY

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